

"Do unto others..." and say nothing about the effects of the weather on your dispositions.

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WEATHER FORECAST for Kansas: Generally fair tonight and Thursday; not much change in temperature.

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## COMMITTEE OF 604 TO CONFER WITH PRESIDENT

Labor Union Delegates Go From N. Y. to Washington.

Talk of U. S. Forming Permanent Arbitration Board.

## MAY TRY PLAN SIX MONTHS

To Include 8-Hour Day and Present Pay Overtime.

President Fails to Cement Breach in Railroad Crisis.

## CONFERENCE OFF FOR TODAY

Hope Turns to Managers For Further Concessions.

Wilson Discards Arbitration as Means For Settlement.

Washington, Aug. 16.—One of the most dramatic incidents in the history of American labor will be enacted tomorrow in the East Room of the White House. Six hundred railroad workers, representing 100,000 of their fellows, will hear from President Wilson his reasons for believing that they can settle the differences with the employers without using the threatened weapon—paralysis of transportation.

The men are coming to hear the appeal the president has made to their sub-committee. Word was conveyed to the president at 12:30 today that the conference in New York between the delegates of the committee and W. S. Carter of the sub-committee has resulted in nothing definite beyond agreement to hear him. Arrangements were made immediately at the White House for the president to receive them tomorrow.

Both May Yield Point. With the agreement by the managers to accept the basic principle of the eight-hour day, providing the question of overtime shall be submitted to an investigation, the employees today were considering a proposition embracing this temporarily with present rates for overtime. Both sides would thus yield somewhat from their original stand.

The employees insist the railroads or the president suggest the means of investigation and the managers insist on it. One plan discussed is that advanced by the industrial relations committee. It provides that in case of a disagreement such as the present, a board of mediation and investigation should be created to include one member from each side and a third to be chosen by the two. It would be necessary then to give by legislative enactment powers to the board to administer oaths, subpoena witnesses, compel attendance and testimony and demand production of pertinent evidence from both sides. It is understood that the employees may be willing to make, or at least considering, a six months' trial of the proposition comprising an eight hour day and present rates of overtime.

Conference Off for Today. While the president today temporarily ceased his activities as mediator pending the conference held by the employees and managers in New York, Washington today was not idle. Officials appeared hopeful that with the resumption of direct efforts tomorrow, it will be possible to establish the groundwork for settlement.

New York, Aug. 16.—The six hundred representatives of the trainmen, threatening to strike, last night made of an eight-hour day and time and a half for overtime, will go to Washington this afternoon to meet President Wilson.

W. S. Carter, president of the Brotherhood of Trainmen, who came to New York from Washington last night to submit the proposals to the employees, made this announcement today following a short conference with some of the leaders. The proposal was that by Carter was that the railroads would adopt an eight-hour rule for a trial period, but continue the present schedule of pro rata pay for overtime. The 600 representatives of the 400,000 employees are district chairmen of the various brotherhoods and it is in their hands that final decision on acceptance or rejection of the proposals, looking to averting a strike rests.

Immediately after announcing that the chairman would go to Washington, Carter went into conference with them at Webster hall.

No Hope for Arbitration. Washington, Aug. 16.—Success or failure in reaching a common ground for settling the threatened general railroad strike hangs today on the disposal of other issues, growing out of the eight-hour day principle. Hope of arbitration has gone. The president is understood to have definitely discarded this as a means of accomplishing peace. But there was (Continued on Page Two.)

## TOO GREAT MIXTURE IN SAUSAGE, DEALER FINED

Berlin, Aug. 16.—A merchant in Hamburg for one of the most remarkable offenses yet recorded against the pure food law. A "liver sausage" sold by a dealer was found to contain 20 percent of the purest meat. The dealer was fined 20 marks for the offense. The dealer was found guilty of selling a mixture of meat and other flesh or fats in the sausage.

## GIRL LOSES LIFE IN WILD STAMPEDE

Mary Walthaw Dies After Being Trampled on by Friends.

Someone Shouted "Here Comes Law" and They Ran.

## CAUSE IS DISCOVERED TODAY

First Believed That She Died of Peritonitis Here.

County Officials Are Conducting an Investigation.

Following a negro beer party in a pasture near town, a wild stampede when someone shouted: "The law is coming." Mary Walthaw, a 20-year-old negro girl, was taken to a local hospital where she died in an operation a few hours later.

Whether the fact that she was knocked down and trampled upon by many scared and fleeing negroes had anything to do with her death is a thing W. E. Atchison, county attorney, wants to know. And he is looking for facts in that connection.

The physician's certificate says the girl died of peritonitis. Dr. Robert Stewart, the physician, vouches for the correctness of the certificate. But a colored girl who attended the party and who says she may have been one who walked on the Walthaw girl, says Mary Walthaw was all right until the stampede started.

Joseph Holman, deputy sheriff, has had some of the facts in his possession for a week and has been trying to arrange for an inquisition. The story is that a large party of negroes, including a number of strange negroes who were here with a show, took a sixteen-cannon keg of beer to a pasture near town, probably a week ago Monday night. There were both men and women in the party.

The keg was "started" and that was quickly followed by shouting, singing and dancing. There was a noise in the crush nearly sufficiently loud to be heard by one of the negroes.

"Here comes the law," he shouted, "here comes the law."

The keg was deserted. The keg was deserted instantly. The thirty or more negroes who were in the one direction, instead of scattering, Mary Walthaw, well in the lead, fell over the keg, and the story of the other colored girl, one of the frightened negroes stepped on and walked over the prostrate girl. She did not get up and after the noise was over and after it was discovered that "the law" was not near, she was picked up.

The information Atchison has is that the girl was in so bad shape from the continuous trampling that it was necessary for doctors to take her to help her home. The next day she was in serious condition and that night she was operated upon. She died under the anesthetic.

Body Was Examined. A week ago Robert Garver, assistant county attorney, and Dr. C. M. Henshaw, who examined the body, and a coroner's jury, held an inquest into the death of the girl. The body was examined by the coroner's jury, and the coroner's jury found that the girl was killed by the stampede.

The Walthaw girl was a member of the negro group showing on Eleventh street, west of the hospital, last night. Her age was given at 20 years.

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It was shown that death resulted from injuries received in the negro stampede. Warrants charging manslaughter were issued.

Two Divorce Suits Tangled in Missouri Town Tragedy.

Maryville, Mo., Aug. 16.—Mrs. Q. A. Gilmore, 43, a widow, wife of a Maryville livery proprietor, shot and instantly killed Mrs. Ella Shipp, also of Maryville, at the Burlington depot here at 8 o'clock this morning.

The killing was witnessed by a large crowd.

Mrs. Shipp was shot from behind with a revolver. Four shots were fired, two striking her in the back and two in the left side as she was falling.

## WILDOVAIONS GREEK HUGHES

State That Instructed For Him Over His Protest.

Springs New Dope on Democrats in Each Speech.

## SEATTLE MEET, GREATEST YET

Eight Thousand Jam Hall, Thousand More Outside.

Reference to Roosevelt Tour Brings Din of Cheers.

Portland, Ore., Aug. 16.—Charles E. Hughes preached his doctrine of "America First and America Efficient" in Oregon today—the state which, despite his protest from the supreme bench, instructed for him in the primaries. He was to make at least two speeches and members of his party were authority for the statement that he would also make more concrete instances to support his claim of Democratic incapacity for efficient government. So far the Republican aspirant for presidential honors has cited instances to support charges of "payment of political debts at the public expense," inclusive and "wordy" laws and failure of the administration to live up to the platform pledge of protection of American citizens and their property abroad.

Yesterday at Tacoma he added a new charge—that it required a Republican emergency currency measure to tide the Democratic party through the panicky days just at the beginning of the Wilson administration.

New Data From Headquarters. It is known the governor has recently received a great deal of data from members of the national committee in New York, including one \$15 telegram. This is a treasure house of information for his use and from now on in every one of his big speeches, the candidate will attempt to make a new blow at his political opponents by citation of specific instances supporting his claims.

Seattle last night accorded the Republican aspirant for presidential honors the greatest demonstration he has yet received. A crowd of ten thousand jammed the hall and a thousand more jostled outside pounding vainly on the doors for admittance. Even above Hughes' voice could be heard the din of the disappointed ones. This vast audience cheered every shaft which Hughes shot at the Democratic administration with a vim and enthusiasm that echoed and re-echoed through the hall, stimulated by the warmth of the reception the audience gave them.

Members of his party declared was his best speech of the tour.

Chiefs greeted Hughes' first direct reference during the tour to Roosevelt.

He did not mention the name of the former president but the reference was unmistakable. It was in connection with a satirical reference to the Democratic administration's policy when preparedness first became an issue.

Hughes said: "When a stalwart figure appeared before the American people, told them a few things and then the administration changed its mind."

He then alluded to Democratic control of the army and navy and promised "competent and efficient men" in the army and navy portfolios if he were elected.

To See Alaska Developed. "You've got an empire here in Alaska," he said again. "I want to see it developed." And the crowd yelled its approval in roof-raising volume. Again the cheers came when after declaring he had been associated in correcting the record of the administration's policy elsewhere, "is anyone going to pull anything out of it I know of it."

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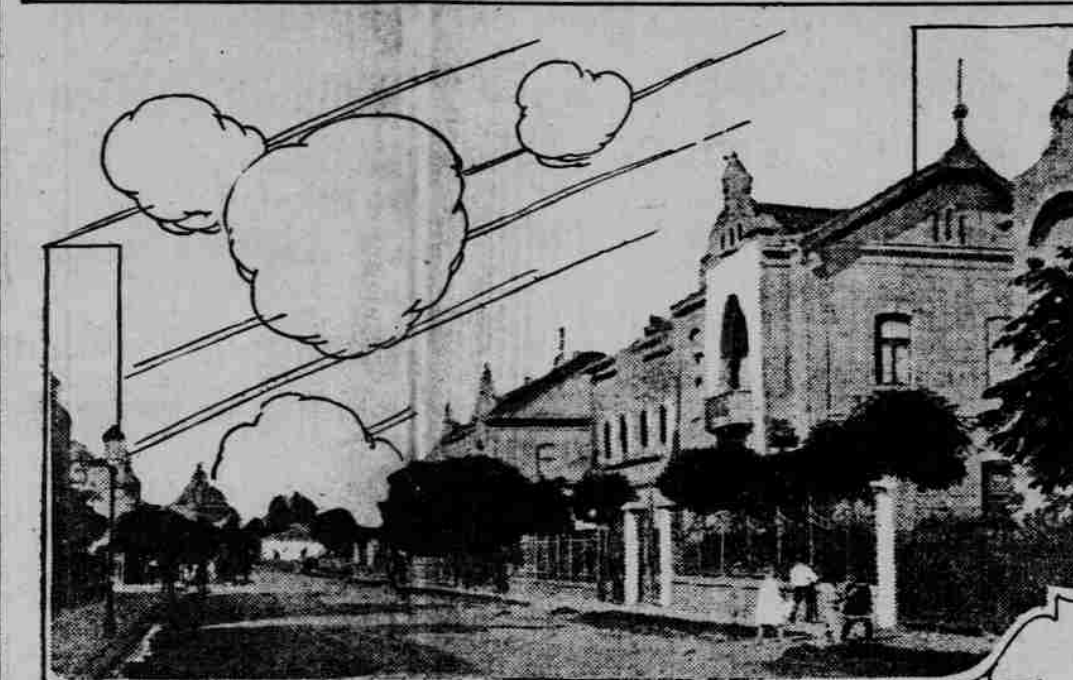
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## STANISLAU IS MOST IMPORTANT RAILROAD CITY OF GALICIA



Principal street of Stanislaw in Galicia.

The taking of Stanislaw was a signal victory for the Russians; it is of great strategic value, being the center of four railroad systems and containing terminal facilities, with railroad shops. The Russians will be able to use two of the railroad lines for transporting supplies and establishing communication along their front. The other lines lead to Pressmyel and Lemberg.

Before the war the city of Stanislaw was very beautiful, filled with the pretty homes of foreigners and quaint architectural expressions of the Austrian home builder. At the present time it is in the state of turmoil and dilapidation usually attendant upon a city being in a state of siege for some time, and showing the effects of shell fire.

## DRAW RING OF FIRE ON 30-M. SOMME FRONT

French Guns Belch Continuous Flame of Death.

"Stupendous," "Indescribable," Relates Correspondents.

## MASTERY OF AIR TO FRANCE

Artillery Overhung by Balloons Giving Signals.

Town After Town Marked Only by Leveled Ruins.

BY HENRY WOOD.

With the French armies on the Somme, Aug. 16.—A thirty-mile horseshoe of solid artillery fire, one of the most terrific shell blasters in the history of the world, is drawing a line of flame along the Somme battle front.

The artillery reached its greatest intensity as I arrived at the highest point on the Somme. The French point on Dompreux, Plateau, south-west of Peronne. The day before, the French had captured German third line positions from Hardecourt to Busacourt. At the precise moment of my arrival the French were employing all their great artillery strength to protect their newly acquired position.

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## TOPEKA GIRL IS VICTIM OF LURE OF CIRCUS LIFE

Margaret Strickler Ran Away With Barnum & Bailey.

She Rode Elephant Down Kansas Avenue Last Week.

## MAY CAPTURE HER AT WICHITA

Police Notified That She Is Wanted at Home Here.

Tinsel and Bangles Too Much For Imagination.

The lure of the circus with its tinsel and bangles was too much for 13-year-old Margaret E. Strickler and she is wherever Barnum & Bailey's circus is today wearing Indian togs and riding an elephant.

Her grandfather, C. C. Houston, 1254 Lincoln street, knows a lot of things about circuses his 13-year-old ward never dreamed of and he wants her to come back.

She knows he wants her to come back, but is inclined to argue the question with him by telegraph at so much per word, and today the old gentleman secured a warrant in the probate court charging her with being a delinquent child.

The sheriff's office has notified the police of Wichita that there is a warrant here for the girl and instructed the Wichita department to hold her. The circus will be in Wichita tomorrow and it is expected that the girl will be brought back as a ward of the juvenile court Friday.

She Rode Elephant. Margaret rode the elephant up Kansas avenue the day Barnum & Bailey showed here but none of her friends knew it. Her people had no means of knowing then that she had joined the circus. Her parents are dead and she has been making her home temporarily with a woman in Kansas City. It was there she failed to overcome the fascination of the circus and secured employment and was assigned to a place in the parade. So far as is known, here she has no part other than riding the elephant in the parade.

Mrs. Houston, her grandmother, is the girl's guardian, and in her telegram to the sheriff she stated that she is all that is necessary; that if grandpa will "reason a bit" he will know she will be all right and "will not come back." She is not inclined to reason about it and has been making considerable of a fuss ever since he learned where his granddaughter is.

Margaret's connection with the circus is due to end some time tomorrow.

## WHERE'S DEUTCHLAND?

No News From U-Boat Since It Left U. S. Fourteen Days Ago.

Berlin, Aug. 16.—The German submarine Deutschland, has not been heard from since she cleared the Virginia capes on the night of August 2. It was learned from reliable marine sources here today.

Sixteen days were required for the Deutschland to cross the Atlantic on her trip to Baltimore. Part of that time she spent in dodging hostile warships. Actually she could have made the voyage in much shorter time. The fact that fourteen days have elapsed and she has not been heard from indicates that she is not so easily taken a roundabout course on the return, also to avoid British and French warships, if she has not met with a mishap.

She is equipped with a high power wireless apparatus but probably would not communicate with the German navy while in British waters, fearing detection and pursuit.

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Paris, Aug. 16.—A violent bombardment was carried out last night on the Verdun front at Thiaumont. Floury, Vaux and Chapelle east of La Meuse. Along the greater part of the front the night passed quietly. The official report issued today says:

German reconnoitering parties were dispersed by the French in the Champagne last night. The war office announced today. The night was generally calm on the entire front. North-east of Verdun bombardments occurred on several sectors. German aeroplanes bombarded the fortress town of Belfort, but there were no victims.

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## STILL HOT AND DRY

No Change Is In Sight in the Next Two Days.

Hourly temperature readings furnished by the weather bureau: 9 o'clock ... 79.11 o'clock ... 90 9 o'clock ... 79.12 o'clock ... 90 9 o'clock ... 88.1 o'clock ... 89 10 o'clock ... 86.2 o'clock ... 81

Temperatures today averaged five degrees above normal. The wind is blowing at the rate of 22 miles an hour from the southeast.

No change in the weather situation is promised for the next two days. Tuesday was a fairly cool day, with a maximum 2 degrees below normal. There were showers in many parts of the state last night and a few moderate heavy rains. The night was warm, but not uncomfortable and the wind was expected to minimize the high temperatures today. Generally fair weather with no important change in temperature tonight and Thursday is the forecast.

The lowest temperature this morning was 71 degrees at 6 o'clock. At that time the mercury started to climb and by 9 o'clock had reached a point 1 degree higher than the maximum reading yesterday. The temperature was expected to reach 95 degrees today.

The wind this morning made eight miles an hour from the southwest. (Continued on Page Two.)

## MAKING PLANS TO REORGANIZE GAS CONCERNS

Belief at Pittsburg That Receivership Will Be Dissolved.

Kansas Natural Officials Meeting For Action Today.

## STATE AWAITS COMPANY MOVE

Nothing Will Be Done Until Committee Reports.

Contempt Proceedings Against Kansas Are Hinted At.

## KEEP AWAY FROM FLANNELLY

Governor Capper Will Listen to Only One Act.

State Ultimatum Given While Meeting Goes On.

Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 16.—Plans looking to the reorganization of the Kansas Natural Gas company with a view to taking it out of the hands of the receiver where it has been since 1912 were made here today by the stockholders' protective committee.

An announcement was expected tonight. The company which has a capital of \$6,000,000 and supplies 148,000 consumers of natural gas in Kansas and Oklahoma has its principal offices in Independence, Kan., although the stockholders are widely scattered throughout the country.

Kansas will await results of the Pittsburg, Pa., conference before taking action. The case was "That was the announcement following a noon hour conference of Governor Capper and S. M. Brewster, attorney general. Action by the state will be suspended two or three days, the governor stated.

Under no conditions, the governor declared, would he consent to an agreement which would leave the case in the hands of Judge Flannelly of the Montgomery county district court. Any peace agreement which might be reached by the Kansas officials and representatives of the gas company, must call for a dissolution of the receivership, was the governor's ultimatum.

General Brewster went to Governor Capper's office shortly before noon today. It was nearly 1 o'clock when the conference was concluded. Legal phases of the gas case were discussed in detail. Governor Capper agreed that in any event the receivership might be disposed of and the Kansas Natural Gas company might be reorganized. Jurisdiction of Judge Flannelly. In view of the negotiations started by men attending the Pittsburg conference, the governor agreed that the state should suspend action a few days.

Asked to Wait. "Telegrams have been received by Mr. Brewster asking the state to await action of the Pittsburg conference," said the governor. "It was Mr. Brewster's opinion that we should await a report from the conference. I do not believe a delay of two or three days will work a hardship or interfere with the state's rights."

Then the governor declared that Judge Flannelly must step down and so far as the gas case is concerned, the case is closed.

"Any compromise which is proposed from Pittsburg must carry with it the taking of the cases from Judge Flannelly. My opinion is that the state demand that this matter be disposed of promptly."

Governor Capper expressed the belief that the Pittsburg conference would agree to a receivership dissolution and dismissal of the cases before Judge Flannelly. Should the gas representatives in that case refuse to do this, the governor has declared he will direct the attorney general immediately to begin suit to dissolve the receivership.

THIS PROFESSOR HAS OLFATORY NERVES IN EARS

Chicago, Aug. 16.—Music should be tasted as well as heard, smelled and felt, according to Robert W. Stevens, director of music at the University of Chicago, who told his idea in a lecture before a group of his students.

Mrs. Stevens' "food equivalents" and bill of fare are submitted: Oboe—acidify. Piano—fool water. Cello—after-dinner smoke. Trumpet—fresh trout. A German saxophone—sax. Flute—sugar sweet. Violin—intoxicating; claret or champagne. Saxophone—butter-milk. Beethoven—tenderloin steak. Victor Herbert—dessert. Irving Berlin—all day suckers; should be prohibited by the health department.

Bach—oatmeal. "If we have 'sweet melodies' why not 'sour melodies'?" the director asked. "Every one knows that an oboe sounds exactly as a lemon. Then we may say that certain instruments sound agreeably bitter."

"The chief trouble with the ordinary public, lacking in appreciation of classical music is that they are children caring only for sweets. Cheap music objected to by the trained musician is merely an overdose of sugar and water."

STATE ROAD MEETING

Governor Capper Has Called a State Wide Good Roads Meeting to be held in Topeka September 13. In the proclamation the governor urges that good roads boosters from every county in Kansas be sent to attend the meeting. The meeting is to be held during the big free state fair and it is believed that the attendance at the convention will be large.

Both political parties will doubtless declare for permanent highway legislation in their platforms. The demand for good road building is state wide and the interest is more intense than at any time since the arrival of the automobile.

## SCOTLAND MILITARY ZONE TO KEEP OUT TOURISTS

Glasgow, Aug. 16.—The whole of Scotland north of the Caledonian canal has been declared a special military area and no person is allowed to enter the area without permission from the commandant. The interest is more intense than at any time since the arrival of the automobile.